

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action mailed on August 27, 2002. Reexamination in light of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 14 and 16 are currently pending in this application, with claims 14 and 16 being independent. *No new matter has been added.*

Claims 14 and 16 have been placed into independent form. This action is taken to eliminate and simplify issues on appeal, and to expedite prosecution.

Conclusion

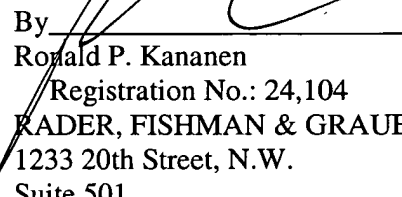
For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753 or the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

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Respectfully submitted,

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